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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - May 26, 2005

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced today that a San Diego man pled guilty in United States District Court to an Indictment charging him with bank robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2113(a). Edward Pratt entered a guilty plea today before the Honorable Gordon Thompson, Jr., United States District Court Judge.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Garrett M. Heenan, who is prosecuting the case, Pratt admitted in court that he entered the Union Bank of California at 4771 Spring Street, La Mesa, California on April 18, 2005 and presented a demand note to one of the bank's tellers. The note indicated that Pratt was armed and requested cash from the teller. In response to the note, the teller handed over \$3,935.00 in cash from a cash drawer. Pratt fled the bank and was arrested by San Diego police the following day. The Federal Bureau of Investigation assisted in the investigation and prosecution of this case.

A hearing is scheduled before the Honorable Gordon Thompson, Jr., on August 11, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. for sentencing.

**DEFENDANT**

Edward Pratt

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a) (Bank Robbery)

Maximum Penalty: Twenty years' incarceration

\$250,000 fine

Three years of supervised release

**INVESTIGATING AGENCIES**

Federal Bureau of Investigation

San Diego Police Department